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Dear Mr. James S. Bergin,

USPTO Office P/3624

I have been trying to contact you by telephone during the last two weeks. But this failed, probably because of the snowstorms.

We filed a Patent under application number: 09/923,314 per 08/07/2001 confirmation number 1027. When I spoke to you in october 2002 you declared that we were at the bottom of the list of 162 cases. We could only get a faster answer if anything would justify that.

We now have filed in The Netherlands for a Dutch patent which is for the same invention as we have claimed for in the USA. The patent application was filed at the Dutch Patent office on February 6, 2003 and will be published and turn into a patent on August 6, 2003. You will find a copy from our Patent Attorney's confirmation as an annex.

The earliest Publication Date in the USA was set by your Office at: 07-11-2002 and we have been in this U.S. proces since 08/03/2000 as our Patent in the USA benefits from 60/222,631 for Domestic Priority Date.

Could you please provide us with a Special Status to increase our priority on the list of cases to be examined or tell us how we can apply for such a Special Status.

Thanks in advance for your kind cooperation,

Theo van Koningsveld

Letter sent by Fax and Mail

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Attn. Mr. T. van Koningsveld

VIA FACSIMILE  
Confirmation by mail

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POSTBUS 14198, 3508 SG UTRECHT, February 12, 2003

Onze ref.: O/BB29/EB/1  
Uw ref.: --

Re: Dutch patent application  
Title: "Method and system for controlling investment transactions"

Dear Mr. Van Koningsveld,

Hereby we inform you that the above mentioned patent application was filed at the Dutch Patent Office on February 6, 2003.

As soon as we receive the official filing receipt, we will forward this to you.

The patent application will be published and turn into a letters patent on August 6, 2003.

Yours sincerely,  
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